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Main Entry: ²**latch**Function: *noun*

: any of various devices in which mating mechanical parts engage to fasten but usually not to lock something: **a** : a fastener (as for a door) consisting essentially of a pivoted bar that falls into a notch **b** : a fastener (as for a door) in which a spring slides a bolt into a hole; *also* : **NIGHT LATCH**

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Main Entry: **1 me·chan·i·cal** ◀

Pronunciation: mi-'ka-ni-k&l

Function: *adjective*

1 a (1) : of or relating to machinery or tools <*mechanical* applications of science> <a *mechanical* genius>

<*mechanical* aptitude> (2) : produced or operated by a machine or tool <*mechanical* power> <a *mechanical* refrigerator> <a *mechanical* saw> **b** : of or relating to manual operations

2 : of or relating to artisans or machinists <the *mechanical* trades>

3 a : done as if by machine : seemingly uninfluenced by the mind or emotions : **AUTOMATIC** <her singing was cold and *mechanical*> **b** : of or relating to technicalities or petty matters

4 a : relating to, governed by, or in accordance with the principles of *mechanics* <*mechanical* work> <*mechanical* energy> **b** : relating to the quantitative relations of force and matter <*mechanical* pressure of wind on a tower>

5 : caused by, resulting from, or relating to a process that involves a purely physical as opposed to a chemical change <*mechanical* erosion of rock>

synonym see SPONTANEOUS

- me·chan·i·cal·ly ◀ /-ni-k(&-)lE/ *adverb*

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Main Entry: ¹**brack·et** 1)

Pronunciation: 'bra-k&t

Function: *noun*

Etymology: perhaps from Middle French *braguette* codpiece, from diminutive of *brague* breeches, from Old Provençal *braga*, from Latin *braca*, of Celtic origin -- more at **BREECH**

1 : an overhanging member that projects from a structure (as a wall) and is usually designed to support a vertical load or to strengthen an angle

2 : a fixture (as for holding a lamp) projecting from a wall or column

3 a : one of a pair of marks [] used in writing and printing to enclose matter or in mathematics and logic as signs of aggregation -- called also *square bracket* **b** : one of the pair of marks < > used to enclose matter -- called also *angle bracket* **c** : **PARENTHESIS** **3 d** : **BRACE** **5b**.

4 : a section of a continuously numbered or graded series (as age ranges or income levels)

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